
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Carver High School, a student must have earned at least 130 credits. Course requirements are the following:

• English Language Arts and Mathematics	– 4 years of study
• History and Science	– 3 years of study
• Comprehensive Health	– 4 semesters (grades 9-12)
• Visual and Performing Arts	– 2 semesters

Other requirements may be established by the school administration in relation to the particular program, otherwise the additional credits needed for a graduation may be selected from among elective courses. Students may substitute no more than the equivalent of (5) full time courses successfully passed at an accredited evening school or community college for courses required for a Carver Middle High School diploma.

All students who receive a CMHS diploma must demonstrate through required coursework, supervised projects, and/or internships that they have met or exceeded expectations for *each* of Carver Middle High School's Academic Expectations. Additionally, in order to achieve the Social & Civic Expectation that students "*participate in authentic activities that will make a contribution to both the Carver Middle High School community and the community beyond the high school doors*," all students will complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service as a graduation requirement.

Early Graduation:

Carver Middle High School offers a four-year program of studies structured to prepare our students intellectually, socially, and personally for further study and the world beyond the high school doors. However, in some individual cases, it may be in the student's best interests to complete his or her studies in three years. In order to be eligible for a diploma at the end of three years of study, a student must fulfill the following conditions: submit a completed application to earn a diploma at the end of three years of study to the Principal, ; meet with parent/guardian, counselor and Principal to discuss ramifications of the request; receive written approval from the Principal in support of the request; and successfully fulfill all requirements for a Carver Middle High School diploma as outlined in the Program of Studies by the close of the junior year. A student who elects to receive a CMHS diploma at the end of three years is not eligible to participate in the activities, ceremonies, and awards that are an integral part of the senior or fourth year of study. The student remains a member of the junior class and has the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony with his/her class the following year.

Competency Determination:

In accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, students must earn a Competency Determination. Students who are unable to attain a Competency Determination prior to their expected graduation date may be eligible for a Certificate of Attainment. In order to qualify for the Certificate of Attainment, the student must have met all other Carver Middle High School graduation requirements.

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